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## THE "Top O' The Morning"

In County Kerry, "Jerry" O'Donnell eagerly awaits the day she will sail to join her father in America. While brushing up on her education, under the direction of an aunt, she sees a town yokel ill-treating her pet pig. She chases him down the street and, to avoid running her down, an automobile swerves to the side of the road and crashes into a tree. Thus she meets John Garland, millionaire American banker, and his tiny daughter, Dot. An attachment develops between the child and Jerry during the few minutes they are together.

The real boss of the O'Donnell home in America is Patrick's second wife, the widow Clancy, who wants to make Pat a patrician. Tea is being served when Jerry arrives unexpectedly—with her pig under one arm and a bundle in the other. She is greeted warmly by her father, but coldly by her stepmother. The stepmother makes a slavey out of Jerry, and, although her father and her brother, Eugene, resent it, they say nothing.

Jerry puts up with it as long as possible, then runs away. Crossing a street, she trips and is nearly run down by an automobile. Thus she again meets John Garland. He takes her home and makes her governess of Dot, much to the chagrin of the housekeeper, Miss Murdock.

At the Garland bank Stone the cashier and his aid are looting the bank. Detection becomes imminent and Stone packs his accomplice off, and also plans to involve Eugene, Jerry's brother, who is a teller at the bank. The absconding aid commits suicide in London and leaves a letter of confession. Stone, fearing its arrival, scares Eugene into going to Garland's home to get it. Jerry is aroused and traps her brother.

Torn between love of Garland and her brother, she finally yields and gives Eugene the letter. Miss Murdock calls the police and has Jerry arrested as an aide to the mysterious thief. Garland refuses to proceed against her, but is heart-broken in the belief the other man is a rival. Eugene goes to the parish priest and makes a clean breast and through the priest everything is explained. The letter tells Garland that Stone is the real thief and that Eugene is innocent.

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